

doing the DREAM a cultural celebration Ivy Tech State College

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- Ivy Tech State College is planning a cultural celebration during the week of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
- Our mission. The mission of this event is to embrace and celebrate—on our campuses and in our communities—cultural diversity as expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of peace, service and unity.
- Ivy Tech has hosted an MLK celebration for several years in the past, but the focus this year will be broadened to include recognition of the diverse community that exists in our region.
- More than 20 community organizations—including schools, service organizations, churches, labor, the City of Kokomo and businesses—have been working on the planning of this celebration since February 2004.
- A kickoff event will be held on Jan. 15, 2005, at the Kokomo High School Auditorium.
- The event will include three nationally acclaimed speakers:
 - Eva Mozes Kor, a distinguished speaker and author, who after surviving Auschwitz and dedicating her life to human rights and education, is founder of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute
 - Bill Miller, an award-winning Native-American singer, song writer and artist
 - Melba Beals, an inspirational keynote speaker, bestselling author, Congressional Gold Medal Winner and member of the Little Rock Nine.
- The Jan. 15 event also will include local groups such as church and school choirs. Several members of the local community will have the honor of introducing each speaker. During the lunch hour, 10 local vendors will provide international food.
- The event will launch a week of activities at all three Ivy Tech campuses in the region, as well as numerous community events.
- Ivy Tech will act as a "clearinghouse" for MLK events in the community during the week of Jan. 17. The college will publish these events in print advertising, as well as in a program, which will be distributed at the Jan. 15 event.
- The Kokomo Human Rights Commission will coordinate a "Day On" of service activities on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Jan. 17.
- Contact Susan Maxson, co-chair of Doing the Dream, at (800) 459-0561, ext. 419.